

North Chicago, IL - Congressman Mark Kirk announced North Chicago School District 187 was awarded more than \$435,000 in Impact Aid grants from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) for emergency school repairs. District 187 will use the money to replace failing fire alarm systems at five schools.

The DOE's Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Program provides funding for school facility emergency and modernization grants to certain school districts that are eligible for Impact Aid. District 187 serves more than 1,100 children whose families are stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes. The \$435,000 is in addition to the more than \$6 million District 187 receives in Impact Aid reimbursements.

"I am very pleased that the Department of Education is providing this extra \$435,000 on top of the Impact Aid that we have secured for the students of the North Chicago School system," Congressman Kirk said.

Since 1950, the Impact Aid program supports school districts in areas that cannot be taxed, like military bases or Indian lands. Since these areas lack tax revenues, the program provides additional financial resources to help maintain schools and better serve students.

Failing fire alarm systems will be replaced at Green Bay Elementary School, Marjorie P. Hart Elementary School, Neal Math and Science Academy, North Chicago High School and Novak-King Sixth Grade Center.

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